

**Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health  
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**“Addressing the Global Tobacco Epidemic”  
Overview of Global Tobacco Use and Prevention — Presentation Notes**

**U.S. Efforts in Global Tobacco Control and Prevention**

**Capacity Building and Global Tobacco Research**

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Dr. Primack began his talk by providing mission statements for both the NIH and the FIC. FIC’s mission is to “address global health challenges through innovative and collaborative research and training programs and support and advance the NIH mission through international partnerships.” The FIC tobacco program is both a research and research training program and includes partnerships with NCI, NIDA, NINR, NICHD, CDC and WHO. The programs are found all over the world with an overall goal of developing capacity to carry out successful research and consideration of public health in the country. Dr. Primack described some examples of the research being conducted including:

- Economics and policies (China)
- Training and curriculum development (Cambodia)
- Adolescent behavior and cessation policies in school (South Africa, India, Indonesia, Argentina)
- Prevention in children (South Africa, India, Indonesia)
- Prevention in adults (Egypt)
- Awareness and cessation using rural computer assistance (Dominican Republic)
- Side-stream smoke (China, Brazil, Mexico)
- Epidemiology and surveillance data (Russia, India, Syria)

Dana Shelton introduced the next speaker.